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METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A FILTER ELEMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please substitute Claim 1 as originally filed, which appears on page 14, with Claim 1 as filed in the Article 34 amendment of March 15, 2001. The page containing Claim 1 is marked "AMENDED SHEET" and is attached hereto. Following the insertion of Claim 1, please amend these claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:Please amend ~~claims~~ 3-4 as follows:

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--3. (Amended) The method for manufacturing a filter element as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:  
said resin and material for said filter are formed of same material.

4. (Amended) A filter element manufactured by carrying out the method as claimed in claim 1.--

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